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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, LY
SUBJECT: RUMORED OIL STRIKE IN SOUTHWEST LIBYA

1. WE HAVE A REPORT FROM AN OIL COMPANY EXECUTIVE THAT
BRAZILIAN FIRM BRASPETRO FOUND OIL TWO WEEKS AGO IN ITS CON-
CESSION AREA IN MARZUK SAND SEA IN SOUTHWEST LIBYA. CONCESSION
AREA IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 24.6 TO 25.7 DEGREES NORTH AND
12.6 TO 13.9 DEGREES EAST, WELL AWAY FROM LIBYA'S OIL-PRODUCING
AREAS. SITE COORDINATES NOT AVAILABLE.

2. FIND WAS AT APPROXIMATELY 8,000 FEET AND TESTED AT RATE OF
500 BPD OF "LIGHT OIL" IN DRILL-STEM TEST. INFORMANT NOTES
THAT TEST RATE COULD BE MUCH HIGHER ONCE FORMATION IS ACIDIZED
AND FRACTURED. HE SAYS THAT DISCOVERY IS UNEVALUATED AT THIS
POINT BUT COULD PROVE TO BE SIGNIFICANT. IT IS REPORTEDLY
THE FIRST SHOW OF OIL ANYWHERE IN MARZUK SAND SEA.

3. INFORMATION IS SAID TO COME FROM BRASPETRO'S CONFIDENTIAL
REPORTS TO NATIONAL OIL COMPANY WHICH LEAKED OUT FROM
NOC TO OUR SOURCE AND NO DOUBT OTHERS.

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